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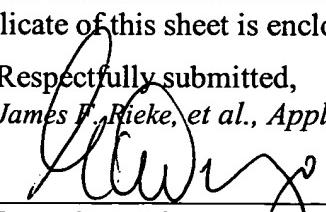
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- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and Cited References  
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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

**PART I. Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case. No fee or certification is required.

**PART II. Information Cited**

Applicants hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicants would like to bring to the examiner's attention the enclosed search report from a corresponding International or Foreign National Application.

PART III. Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited:

DE4121873 is directed to a sugar beet dryer with parallel tubes angled downwards in a rotating drying tube with hot steam fed between them. An English Abstract is enclosed.

FR2608380 is directed to a machine for roasting and/or drying food products in grain form, such as coffee, rice, hazelnuts and the like. An English Abstract is enclosed.

FR2295394 appears to be directed to promoter for helical turbulence.

PART IV. Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The Examiner sign the enclosed form PTO-1449 to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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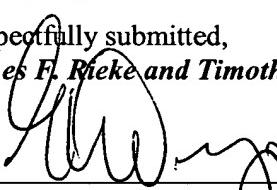
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By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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Examiner's Initials#	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication or of issue of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY
		Number	Kind Code		
		3,898,745		Carlsson	08/12/1975
		4,756,361		Lesage	07/12/1988

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		Office/Country	Number	Kind Code			
		DE	4121873A1			01/14/1993	Abstract Only
		FR	2295394			07/16/1976	No
		FR	2608380			06/24/1988	Abstract Only

### OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials#	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS) title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, relevant page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published			Translation (Y/N)

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